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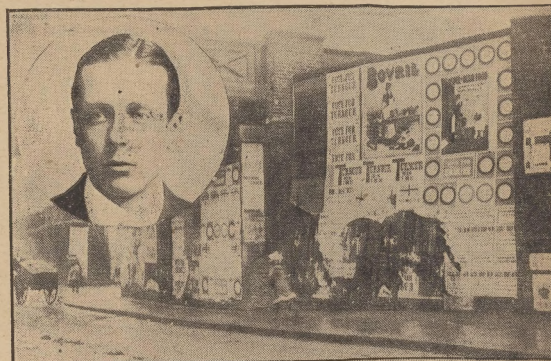
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One Halfpenny.

THE FIGHT FOR THE HORSHAM DIVISION TO-DAY.



Mr. Erskine, the Liberal candidate's committee rooms at Horsham, showing some of the political posters, which are playing an important part in the contest. The polling takes place to-day.



A political hoarding at Horsham, showing some of the posters which, it is said, were torn down by the rival candidate's supporters. In the corner is a portrait of Lord Turnour, the Conservative candidate.—(Russell.)

THE LORD MAYOR'S BANQUET.



Carving the baron of beef at the Lord Mayor's banquet in the Guildhall. It weighed 3cwt, and was five feet long.

THE LATE MR. DAN LENO'S GRAVE.



The wreaths and floral tributes on the grave of the late Mr. Dan Leno in Lambeth Cemetery, Tooting.

MR. BYRON CURTIS.



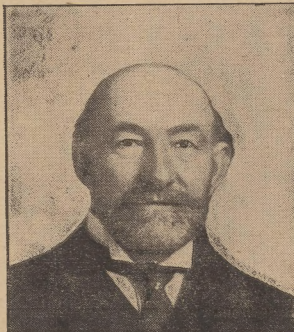
He has just retired from the editorship of the "Standard" and "Evening Standard."

YESTERDAY'S WEDDING.



Miss May Mordaunt, sister of Mr. G. Mordaunt, the well-known Kent cricketer, who was married yesterday to Mr. Rupert Colomb.

WESTMINSTER'S NEW MAYOR.



Lord Cheylesmore, the new Mayor of the City of Westminster.—(Photo: Helen McCaul, Victoria-street.)

A FAMOUS CARTOONIST



F. Opper, the most famous cartoonist in America. The first cartoon he has ever done for an English paper appears in the *Daily Mirror* to-day.

HOUSES AND PROPERTIES.

PORT ARTHUR.

Russians Profess Fears of
a Massacre.

HOPES OF CAPITULATION.

Russian Mines Exploded by a
Shell.

700 CASUALTIES.

The shrunken garrison of Port Arthur has been further reduced, a terrible mine explosion causing between 600 and 700 Russian casualties.

The ferocity of the fighting on both sides has given rise to the fear among the Russian soldiers that the entry of the Japanese army will be followed by a general massacre of the defenders.

This belief has been referred to in more than one previous message, and is doubtless encouraged by the Russian officers with a view of stimulating their men to resist to the end.

In Tokio it is hoped that General Stoessel will accept terms of surrender, but the belief in St. Petersburg is that he will hold out to the very last.

By doing so he will materially strengthen the position of Kuropatkin, who is daily receiving reinforcements of men and artillery.

MASSACRE FEARED.

Japanese Indignation at the War on
the Wounded.

TOKIO, Thursday.—It is reported that General Stoessel has asked for an armistice, but the purpose is not stated. No confirmation is obtainable, but it is hoped Stoessel will capitulate before the city proper is taken.

The Japanese are angry and inflamed at the alleged abuse of their wounded, and the Russian soldiers believe that they will be murdered if captured.

Under these conditions, it may be difficult to avoid a massacre when the troops finally meet.—*Reuter's Special.*

MINES EXPLODE.

600 Russian Casualties at Itzushan.

CHITU, Thursday.—Itzushan is proving a costly obstacle to Japanese. On 5th and 6th fierce assaults were repulsed.

In second assault a shell from Palichuang demolished a land mine controlling station, exploding the mines. Russians in neighbouring trenches lost between 600 and 700 killed and wounded, but Japanese escaped.

During their attacks, Japanese broke wire entanglements. One soldier, who had his leg torn off, was seen trying to bite through the wires.—*Reuter.*

RUSSIA MORE HOPEFUL.

PARIS, Thursday.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Matin" states that the opinion is expressed by the general staff officials that General Stoessel will be able to hold out at Port Arthur longer with the object of retarding the Japanese operations until General Kuropatkin has increased sufficiently the effectiveness of his army to again take the offensive.—*Exchange.*

M. DE PLEHVE'S SUCCESSOR RESIGNING.

PARIS, Thursday.—A telegram from St. Petersburg to the "Echo de Paris" says it is stated that the new Minister of the Interior, Prince Sviatopolk Mirski, will resign at the end of May, on the ground of ill-health.—*Reuter.*

It was generally believed that the Russian Government had some difficulty in securing a successor to M. de Plehve, whose recent assassination started the world. Prince Mirski was appointed after some delay, and he seems to have speedily found the cares of office too heavy a burden.

BALTIC SHIPS AT CRETE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANEA, Thursday.—The Russian battleships Sissoi Veliki, flagship of Admiral Folkersahn, and Navarin, two cruisers, and the volunteer steamer Yaroslav, have just arrived at Suda Bay.

So great a crowd gathered at Berlin to witness the marriage of the Chinese military attaché to a German lady that the mounted police had to make frequent charges on the spectators.

Variable, gusty winds; much rain generally, then fair temporarily; rather cool. To-Day's Weather {Lighting-up time, 5.14 p.m. Sea passages will be moderate to very rough.

PENNY BANK FAILS.

Two Thousand Poor Depositors
Lose All.

TOWN'S SAVINGS GONE.

The little town of Needham Market, in Suffolk, has been filled with despair by the news of the closing of the local Penny Savings Bank, in which most of the inhabitants had deposited all their savings.

The first intimation of the fact was received by a depositor to whom was addressed the following communication from the manager in reply to a notice of withdrawal which he had sent in:—

Hurstlea, Needham Market, Nov. 8, 1904.
Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your letter, and in reply have the greatest regret to inform you that owing to serious losses and the great decrease in the value of some of my securities I have been obliged to place my affairs in the hands of the Official Receiver.
I had been hoping and endeavouring to make some arrangement to prevent this, but have not been successful.—Yours, etc.,
S. A. MAW.

As there are close upon 2,000 depositors, and the amount to their credit considerable, the news caused the most intense excitement. The bank has since been closed, and till the position of affairs can be more fully explained no one knows what ruin is in store.

It was essentially a poor people's bank, and working men, who regarded it as safe as the Bank of England, deposited every penny of their savings in it. It does not appear that any meeting of members was ever called or a balance-sheet published, and the impression that Messrs. Barclay's Bank, for which Mr. Maw was till recently local manager, was at the back of the concern was entirely erroneous.

Mr. Maw, who is a Quaker, has been closely associated with religious and temperance movements in the town.

LORD MILNER'S SUCCESSOR.

Mr. Graham Murray Said to Have
Been Appointed to South Africa.

Our Edinburgh correspondent telegraphs:—It was stated in the Parliament House, Edinburgh, yesterday, amongst leading representatives of the Scottish Bar, that Mr. Graham Murray, Secretary of State for Scotland, will succeed Lord Milner as High Commissioner of South Africa.

When Mr. Murray accepted the Secretaryship for Scotland, on the occasion of the resignation of Lord Balfour of Burleigh, he did so at great financial sacrifice, his position as Lord Advocate and his extensive practice bringing him about £15,000 per annum, whereas the Scottish Secretaryship is only worth £3,000.

OUTRAGE INQUIRY.

Where and How the Commission Will
Hold Its Meetings.

It is announced that all difficulties raised by the constitution of the Commission to arbitrate on the North Sea incident have now been smoothed away after active pourparlers.

The Russian Government has allowed that the officers landed at Vigo may, according to the phases of the inquiry, be considered as witnesses or as the persons responsible for the incident. Other responsible persons, if necessary, may also be implicated.

It is believed that the Commission will meet in about a fortnight in some remote of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris, where the Hispano-American Conference was also held.

CABINET MEETING TO-DAY.

It is stated that there will be a meeting of the Cabinet this afternoon.
Several members of the Cabinet are fulfilling engagements in various parts of the provinces, but most, if not all, of them will have returned to town by noon to-day.

DATE OF BOARD OF TRADE INQUIRY.

It is officially announced that the Commissioners appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into the North Sea catastrophe have fixed Tuesday, November 15, for the opening of their sittings.

The inquiry will be held in the Lecture Hall, Kingston-square, Hull, and will be conducted in public.

POPULAR OPERA.

Success of the Covent Garden
Experiment.

BRILLIANT PERFORMANCE.

As brilliant an audience as one sees in the "grand" season filled Covent Garden Theatre last night for the special performance of grand opera at moderate prices promised by the "Daily Mail" to its readers.

Within a few hours of the publication of the details in last Friday's "Daily Mail" all the reserved seats were sold. Money poured in from all parts of the country, and a special staff had to be employed to send the money back to those who applied too late for seats.

Yesterday two girls from Manchester arrived in London and went to try and purchase seats, not having read the notice that all were sold.

On hearing that they could not possibly obtain tickets, they were much distressed and burst into tears. So a kind-hearted management discovered that they could give them seats in two chairs, where they would be able to see and hear quite well.

A feature of last night's performance was the way in which the comfort of the audience had been studied. Thanks to the excellent arrangements of Mr. Keble and Forsyth, and their acting manager, Mr. Eales, seats were reached by their holders with ease, and the whole audience took their places quietly and in comfort.

Upon reaching their seats each one was pleasantly surprised to find a souvenir of the *Daily Mirror*, in the form of a dainty hand-mirror, awaiting them.

Of the performance itself only praise is possible. The San Carlo Company gave "Faust" (singing in Italian, by the way) in delightful fashion, and fully sustained the high opinion London has already formed of them.

Chorus and orchestra alike were excellent under the able direction of Signor Campanini, and the huge audience went away delighted with the evening's performance.

DUEL PREVENTED.

Police Arrested the Creator of a Scene
in the French Chamber.

The French police have arrested the deputy, M. Syveton, who assaulted General André, the Minister of War, in the Chamber last Friday.

He has an affair of honour pending with Major Lajaille. His trial for the assault was also pending.

On Tuesday evening he was missing from his flat—in search of the battle ground selected for his affair with the major, a spot near Suresnes.

The police, meanwhile, were in search of him, and by arrest prevented him from clearing his honour. He will be now called upon in court to clear his character.

Yesterday afternoon, says *Reuter*, he was brought before an examining magistrate and was released after giving an undertaking to appear if called upon.

Meanwhile, the Minister of War is obliged to keep to his bed, and complications, it is feared, may make his condition serious.

ANGLO-FRENCH FRIENDSHIP.

Hopes That Powers Will Combine to
End the War.

"By acknowledging English supremacy in Egypt, France has merely recognised an accomplished fact."

Thus plainly spoke M. Delcassé in the French Chamber yesterday. He also defended the Anglo-French treaty. If France, he said, had made concessions regarding Newfoundland she was compensated by the concessions England had made in other parts of the world.

M. de Pressensé said Great Britain and France could not fall out without doing great harm to their mutual interests.

Neither could they agree without their friendship having an immediate effect on humanity and civilisation. A great country like France could not suik over that which it could not undo.

Having alluded to the part taken by France in the Anglo-Russian dispute, he hoped France and Britain and the other Powers would be able to end the war—"that scandal of slaughter in the Far East."

MEN OF DONEGAL NOT SAVAGES.

Mr. Justice Ross, at the Donegal County Court yesterday, said that the statement recently made that the tenants on a certain Donegal estate were like wild animals, and hid themselves in the cliffs on the approach of a white man, arose from an error.

The mistake was made through some remark of the kind having been made some years ago, not in reference to the general body of tenants, but of a particular individual.

Donegal people were particularly courteous and respectful.

REFORMER'S ASHES.

Amazing Will of a Nonconformist Divine.

HIS SON'S ADVENTURES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

PARIS, Thursday Night.—A young, intellectual-looking Englishman, in deep mourning, and seemingly very depressed, arrived in Paris yesterday by the Rome express.

He is the son of a prominent Nonconformist divine, who died suddenly, after a long ministry in London, during which he ceaselessly fulminated against the Church of Rome.

Evidently determined that even after death he would deal a final blow at the Papal power, he inserted a clause in his will requesting that his body should be cremated, and that his son should take the ashes, proceed with them to Rome, and sprinkle them over the walls of the Vatican in the hope of "purifying" it.

The cremation was duly carried out and the son started on his journey. He got as far as the Italian frontier without incident, but there he had a slight altercation with the Customs officials. Their objection to the ashes, which were contained in a receptacle somewhat resembling a large snuff-box, were overcome, and he continued his journey to Milan, where he put up at an hotel for the night.

Next morning, when preparing to resume his journey, to his dismay he discovered that the box containing the dead divine's ashes had disappeared. He made searching inquiries amongst the servants, but without result, and then decided to put the matter into the hands of the police, who also failed.

Finally, he resolved to return to England, but he was so upset by his inability to perform his dead father's wishes that he had to break his journey at Paris, where he intends to stay until sufficiently recovered to explain his misfortune to his relatives.

KEEPING FAITH WITH THE DEAD.

As an illustration of the fact that superstition is still very prevalent in Wales, the following peculiar story of two Monmouthshire women is related by the "Western Mail."

"When I am gone," the elder said to the younger, "put sixpennyworth of whisky in a bottle in my coffin. When the funeral passes—public-house go in and have some whisky there. While you are drinking it I will be drinking mine. Mind, if you don't keep your promise, I shall come to haunt you."

The elder woman died recently, and the survivor fulfilled her promise in every detail.

ROSALIE MONTMASSON DEAD.

End of the Romantic Life of Crispi's
Wife.

Rosalie Montmasson, washerwoman and wife of an Italian Premier, died in Rome yesterday.

The story of her adventurous career and of how she was cast off by Crispi in his prosperity was related in the *Daily Mirror* of August 23.

Crispi was languishing in prison when he first saw the beautiful Italian girl, who came to him in his cell and asked to be allowed to do his washing.

When Crispi, as a revolutionary, fled to London, Rosalie Montmasson smuggled much of the correspondence between her husband and Mazzini.

Afterwards she accompanied him through his arduous campaign with Garibaldi, wearing the red shirt of the revolutionary army.

Though Crispi married again he provided liberally for Rosalie, and the allowance was continued by the Italian Government after his death.

OGDENS' £100,000 REFUSED.

The members of Ogdens' Bonus Association last night formally decided not to accept the offer of £100,000 made by Ogdens' liquidator in settlement of their claims. They argue that the ten to eleven thousand tobaccoists' signatures to the original agreement were sold by Mr. Duke for £1,500,000, and, if the tobaccoists received the full bonus and profits promised, the sum would be nearer £1,400,000 than £100,000.

ENLARGING AMERICA'S NAVY.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.—The general Navy Board has recommended that the next Congress be urged to authorise the construction of three battleships, five scout cruisers, and torpedo vessels, aggregating in cost \$41,500,000 (about £28,350,000).—*Reuter.*

This decision is regarded as a result of the progress of events in the Far East. In the American Naval programme for 1905 only one new battleship was arranged for, but one party in America has long been urging that more big battleships should be built, and this is a triumph for their policy.

WHITE DESERT KING.

Strange Discovery in the Wilds of Asia.

MEN LIKE EUROPEANS.

A sensation is being created in East Russia, says our St. Petersburg correspondent, by the extraordinary story of a traveller named Kozireff, who has just returned after two years' wanderings in Mongolia, Eastern Turkistan.

M. Kozireff affirms that he has discovered in the great Tarim Desert, which lies on the north of Kashmir, a mixed Mongolian and European race, ruled over by a family of purely European appearance and customs.

"In a large oasis near the River Khotan I came," he says, "upon a European town—that is, a town which would have been European in the Middle Ages. Guna, so it is called, has over two thousand five hundred inhabitants, all with a distinctly European cast of face.

Dressed Like a Roman.

"They spoke a Turkish dialect which I did not understand, and were attentive to me, though they took my two native guides to the outskirts of the settlement and promptly put them in gaol.

"The chief or king of this little State, and all his near relatives, are purely European in physique, complexion, and manners. The King, wearing an under-shirt and a garment not unlike a Roman toga, received me in a large adobe house, and conversed by signs. He was a handsome, fair-haired man of about fifty. . . . I spent seven days in the town, being plentifully supplied with food, all cooked by roasting, for boiling seemed a process unknown to the Guna.

"The Guna women wear long green garments, shaped like the ordinary Asiatic kaftan, and blue or red slippers, accordingly as they are married or single. None of them can read and write, but they were courteous in manner.

Knew One German Word.

"I attempted to find out whether the King knew anything of the origin of the State, but he replied, 'From the west,' and dropped the subject. I tried him with hundreds of simple Slavonic, German, and Latin words, but he understood none, except the word 'vogel' (bird), on hearing which he promptly pointed to a feather breast-covering worn by his wife."

"According to native reports there is a trade route to the east, crossing the gold-fields north of the Tunhus Tapan hills, and more 'Europeans' are to be found settled there. The King's family is supposed to intermarry with this tribe, thus preserving the pure Caucasian type.

"On leaving for Yarkand the King asked me if there were many other men with white faces in the world. He pressed his hand upon my head, and then put it to his own, with a gesture implying that we were of the same race."

QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO LANCERS.

Famous Regiment Welcomed After Fourteen Years Abroad.

After an absence of fourteen years abroad, the 10th (Queen's) Lancers arrived at Southampton yesterday morning from South Africa.

They had a great reception from a large crowd, and were presented with a message from Queen Alexandra congratulating them on their return.

Afterwards they left for Colchester. On their arrival they were again warmly greeted.

The "Scarlet" Lancers, as the regiment is called, has seen much fighting since it last left England. In 1897 it went through the arduous North-West Frontier campaign in India, and was concerned in the gallant storming of the Dargai Heights.

At the beginning of 1901 it left for South Africa to take part in the Boer war. It assisted at the relief of Kimberley, and was under French at Paardeberg and in other of his brilliant cavalry fights.

THE KING AND THE KILTIES.

After the performance by the Kilties' Band at Sandringham the King called for Mr. Robinson, the conductor, and Mr. Philip Yorke, and presented to the former a jewelled baton, and to Mr. Yorke a magnificent diamond and ruby pin. This was the fifth royal command concert that Mr. Yorke has controlled.

The King, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, went partridge shooting in the Dersingham Fields yesterday. The Queen and the Princess of Wales joined the party at luncheon in the fields.

NEW HOLBORN CHARITY.

The Dibdin-Brand Charity has just been founded by Mr. E. J. Brand for the Holborn poor. The founder has set aside property worth £5,000 to perpetuate the memory of his friend, the Rev. R. W. Dibdin. The income will provide weekly pensions of 2s. 6d. and 5s. for a certain number of Holborn poor.

NEW SIAMESE TWINS.

Two Young German Ladies Arrive in London.

Comfortably established in a very quiet hotel in London are two young German ladies, who, like the famous Siamese Twins, are linked together by an inseparable bond of flesh and blood.

They arrived with their father from Germany some days ago, and were conveyed to the hotel in the early hours of the morning.

"I am sure they had four legs and four arms," said a railway porter, who witnessed the transference of this couple from the train to a British four-wheeler.

"The twins, who, I should think, are about twenty-three years of age, were closely wrapped in a dark blue cloak, and it was a difficult matter for them to get into a cab."

"They looked very tired after their long journey," added the porter, "and, in spite of the cloak, seemed to feel keenly the cold early morning air." The twins and their father had a large quantity of luggage with them.

BRIBES TO MOTHERS.

How the Scheme of Insuring Babies Will Operate.

All Yorkshire is talking about the scheme of Councillor Broadbent, Mayor of Huddersfield, who proposes to pay £1 to the parents of every child born in the district of Langwood during his term of office, on the child reaching the age of twelve months.

In an interview yesterday the mayor told the *Daily Mirror* representative that his object was to get personally at each mother with the rules which are best adapted to promote the health of children.

Asked how the system would be worked, the mayor said: "A small committee of ladies will take cards of instructions personally to the mothers, and afterwards look after the child occasionally where cases demand it."

"A secondary object," said the mayor, "is to arouse more attention to the subject of infantile mortality, which is enormously too heavy. With skilled attention and proper food one half of the children who die might possibly be kept alive."

"If the machinery of life is given a good start it will most likely keep running for seventy years."

MOTORS DISPLACING BICYCLES.

Humber Company Finds Light Automobiles Pay Better.

At the sixth annual meeting of the Humber Cycle Company, Limited, which was held at the Cannon-street Hotel yesterday, an interesting illustration of the way in which cycle companies are now turning their attention to making motor-cars was given.

Mr. E. Powell said the company's financial position was very greatly improved, but the profit they had made on this year's trading was very unsatisfactory. Taking the season throughout, they had done very well with the light motor-cars, and on these a substantial profit was realised, but they had not done so well with the heavy cars.

They were considering the price of the high-grade bicycles which they were turning out at the Beeston works for next season.

MR. BECK PROCLAIMS A MIRACLE.

Addressing a Salvation Army congress at Clapton last night, Mr. Adolf Beck said that the discovery of John Smith was as great a miracle as was ever performed of old in response to prayer. His petitions never reached the Home Secretary, but where did they go? With God's help he had been vindicated.

The Committee that inquired into the case of Mr. Adolf Beck have, says a news agency, not yet completed their report. When this is done it will be presented in due course to the Home Office, with which department its ultimate disposal will, of course, rest.

MOTHERS' RESPONSIBILITIES.

At the meeting of the Association of Poor Law Unions, in London yesterday, the council stated that they had considered a proposal from a lady at Southampton that mothers should be held responsible for the moral delinquencies of their daughters whilst under sixteen years of age, and should be liable to imprisonment if such daughters fell.

The council stated that they disagreed with the proposer's suggestion, and this was endorsed by the meeting.

A GRATEFUL EMPLOYEE.

Mr. Ferdinand Smales presented the Hambleton Board of Guardians yesterday with a silver inkstand to mark the fortieth anniversary of his appointment as clerk.

COUNTRY HOUSE ROBBED.

Cool "Ladder Thieves" Work in a Storm.

Amazing coolness was shown by a gang of burglars who entered and looted a bedroom in Huntercombe Manor, Maidenhead, on Tuesday night, and stole jewellery of the value of £1,000, belonging to Mrs. G. O. Quin, a guest of the Hon. Mrs. Boyle, who owns the manor.

The gang appear to have procured a ladder from hayricks a quarter of a mile from the house, but, finding it too long, cut off about four feet from one end with a saw and cast it aside.

While the family were at dinner, and all ordinary sounds were drowned by a fierce gale which whistled through the trees, the burglars placed the ladder against an upstairs window which lights a passage leading to Mrs. Quin's bedroom.

Forcing this window they crept inside the bedroom, and at once locked the door, while one of the gang carried the ladder to the bedroom window to facilitate their escape.

Hastily gathering together nearly all Mrs. Quin's jewellery, breaking open chests and boxes, the burglars escaped from the window by the ladder, which they carefully carried away and deposited among some laurels.

Once outside the grounds they appear to have quietly sorted their booty, for they threw away articles of minor value and a dressing-bag, while subsequently they discarded a silver flask and a formidable jemmy.

Two hours elapsed before the robbery was discovered.

"SHALL WE LIVE AGAIN?"

Prominent Men Discuss Whether the Dead Revisit the Earth.

Have we lived on earth before?
Shall we live on earth again?

The answers of four well-known men to these questions are published at length in an interesting article in this month's "London Magazine."

Dr. Alfred Russel Wallace, the author of "Man's Place in the Universe," says No.

"The whole conception of re-incarnation," he writes, "appears to me as a grotesque nightmare. Fortunately, the light of science shows it to be wholly unfounded. I reply to the questions asked with an emphatic negative."

On the other hand, Mr. Rider Haggard, as might perhaps be expected from the author of "She," writes: "It seems to me not only possible, but perhaps probable, both that we have lived before and shall so live again. More it is impossible to say at the present state of our knowledge."

The Rev. John Clifford says the important question is "Shall a man live again?" He believes man will, but he does not answer either of the questions.

GRAVE NATIONAL DANGER.

Foreigners Allowed to Learn the Secrets of Our Ports.

"The granting of British pilotage certificates to foreigners constitutes a grave national danger."

That is the opinion of a man who has held a pilot's certificate for more than forty years, and who was yesterday discussing the recent refusal of the Bristol Pilotage Committee to examine the masters of two Dutch vessels for pilotage certificates.

"If we broke out such foreigners would at once be employed to pilot their countries' battleships and transports into our strongholds," he continued.

"But the authorities don't seem to mind. For many years they have allowed masters of foreign ships to take out certificates to pilot their vessels into our ports."

FASHION BOARD WANTED.

"We have long considered," says the "Tailor and Cutter," "that a board of tailoring experts ought to be appointed by the Government to decree, from time to time, what should be worn and how it should be worn."

"We were strengthened in this belief a few Sundays ago while visiting Rotten Row by noticing the presence of a gentleman clad in frock coat, silk hat, fancy vest, a pair of striped flannel trousers with turned-up bottoms, and a pair of brown boots."

BREWERY SHORTAGE OF £500,000.

A report has been issued by the committee appointed to investigate the affairs of Showell's Brewery Company, Birmingham. Last March Charles Showell, managing director, and F. Richards, secretary of the company, were sentenced on charges of fraudulent misrepresentation of the value of the assets. The amount of the misrepresentation turns out to be nearly £500,000.

According to the "Giornale di Roma," the body of Mr. Andrew Chalmers, aged 53, of Ardrossan, has been found in the harbour of Genoa. He was an officer on the British steamer Vittoria.

MR. STEAD AS CRITIC.

Fierce Denunciation of Mr. Pinero's Doll.

NOW SORRY HE LAUGHED.

Mr. W. T. Stead, in the November number of the "Review of Reviews," fulminates against Mr. Pinero's puppet play, "A Wife Without a Smile." He begins by confessing that he laughed most heartily. Then, comparing the play to the abyss of lost souls, he resents most bitterly that Mr. Pinero made him laugh at hell, but acknowledges there is a "comic side to everything."

"You feel you have been made an accomplice to an insufferable affront to your higher nature. The characters in the piece have not even so much semblance of decent humanity, or morality, or soul left in them as remained in poor Caliban."

Then, in fine hyperbole, Mr. Stead proceeds: "The glitter of the dialogue is but like the phosphorescent shimmer over the putrefying body of the dead. Yet I laughed instead of weeping!"

Laughed with the Rest.

Coming to what he calls the "supreme joke"—the suspended "grotesque little figure dressed as an old woman"—Mr. Stead gives an admirable description of the part taken in the play by the "figure that turns somersaults in the air in the midst of shrieks of laughter."

At the time it seemed to him "sheer, downright, screaming farce," and he laughed with the rest, as "many a time I have laughed at the amusing crimes and misdemeanours of Punch and Judy." But his conscience was enlightened later, as if by a dream.

"After it was all over and I had slept for two troubled hours, the full sense of the shamelessness of it all overwhelmed me."

In the bitterness of self-reproach at having been made to laugh—the fault is all Mr. Pinero's—at this mockery of the most sacred thing in life, he got up at four o'clock in the morning and unbuckled his mind of the next morning.

The play, he asserts, would only get its deserts if it were burned by the common hangman.

ENGLAND'S ROYAL GUESTS.

King and Queen of Portugal Leave for London To-morrow.

An enthusiastic welcome awaits the King and Queen of Portugal, who will leave Lisbon To-morrow on their visit to this country.

King Carlos and his Consort will pass through France, and be met at Cherbourg by the royal yacht Victoria and Albert. They are due at Portsmouth on Tuesday afternoon.

There they will be met by the Prince of Wales and the First Secretary of the Portuguese Embassy, and a special train will convey them to Windsor.

On Thursday they will pay a visit to the City. Addresses will be presented by the mayors of Marylebone, Holborn, and Westminster, as well as an address from the City Corporation. The Hon. Artillery Company will furnish a band and guard of honour.

The royal visitors will be entertained at Chatsworth and Welbeck, and leaving Windsor, thus prolonging their stay in England till December 10.

WHAT THE TRAMP COSTS.

A conference was held yesterday at Spring Gardens to discuss the question of the spread of infectious disease by vagrants. Delegates from over one hundred bodies attended.

Mr. Alderman Newton (Newcastle), in moving that the spread of infectious disease by vagrants could only be met by conferring further powers upon the local authorities, said the tramp was responsible for placing a yearly burden of a million pounds sterling on the ratepayers in respect of infectious disease.

The resolution was carried.

LADY DOCTOR DEFEATED.

The Bishop of Durham, as visitor to Durham University, yesterday gave judgment in the appeal of Miss Cadell, a London lady doctor, against the refusal of the university authorities to admit her as a candidate for the final M.B. examination. The Bishop decided against the lady.

CARELESS MOTOR DRIVER FINED.

Robert Newton, a motor-car dealer, was fined £20 and costs at the Wiltshire Police Court yesterday for driving a motor-car negligently. The car overtook two cyclists, and, running against one, caused him to collide with the other, with the result that both were thrown, one of them being injured and his cycle damaged.

Nearly £600 was realised for the contents of the Marquis of Anglesey's bedroom yesterday. The silver-mounted articles on the dressing-table included a pair of curling tongs.

OFFICER'S WIFE.

alous of Nurses Who
Proved To Be Men.

AMUSING EVIDENCE.

Yes, I have listened to the evidence. It was painful evidence. There is not a word of in the matter."

With these words Mrs. Blades, the wife of Lieutenant Blades, of the Army Ordnance Department, yesterday emphatically denied the charge on which husband's petition for divorce is founded. He says that his wife, while living at Ford-street, Weston, contracted an intimacy with a cab-

man. Mrs. Blades is a lady capable of speaking with emphasis. She is tall, blonde, good-looking, and was dressed tastefully in black for her ordeal in witness-box.

A man does not seize a woman by the throat out any reason," his lordship said. Mrs. Blades retorted that her husband's actions were unaccountable. He used to say, "Oh, shut and then fly at her.

Introduced to His "Mother."

One of her complaints against her husband was he did not take her to his people when she came engaged. "I asked him why he did not take me to the mother," she added.

One emphasis was put into Mrs. Blades's tones as she declared, "I have never asked my husband to forgive me."

Francis Jeune: I don't think you would. Before his wife went into the witness-box, Lieutenant Blades had to answer more questions by Mr. Dill. That gentleman asked him to recall the affectionate tone of letters which he wrote to his wife from South Africa with his charges of temperance against her. He had said that as unhappy with her because of her intemperance before the letters were written. Mr. Dill read extracts:

"Dear old girl, I am sorry to hear sonny is ill. I hope you get along, with all the work to do."

"I don't mind, old girl, you have got your hands full. I don't know how you get along, with all the work to do."

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PLAYWRIGHT AND ROGUE.

Adventurer Who Won His Way
Into a Millionaire's Set.

A very remarkable story of an adventurer's career was disclosed yesterday when Robert Henry Cummings, aged twenty-eight, pleaded guilty at Clerkenwell Sessions to robbing Miss Florence Walton, an artist, whose acquaintance he made in Hyde Park, of a gold watch and chain, and also to defrauding Harrod's Stores.

Cummings told Miss Walton that he was a son of Lord Ailesbury, and induced her to let him take care of her watch and chain, afterwards pawing them. Last August he engaged a suite of rooms in Park-lane, saying he was the secretary of an American millionaire. At Harrod's Stores he ordered wines and many other luxuries to celebrate the coming of the millionaire by giving a grand reception.

Giving an outline of the prisoner's career, Detective-sergeant Burton said that Cummings was formerly a gunner in the Royal Artillery, but deserted, and subsequently was imprisoned for theft. In May, 1901, he went to the Grosvenor Hotel and made the acquaintance of a wealthy gentleman named Cook. He so deceived the gentleman that he was invited as a guest to his house in Park-lane.

In 1903 he took up residence in the same house as a Major Cummings in Moore-street, Chelsea, and stole the major's luggage, worth £150. For that offence he received twelve months' hard labour.

In September of last year he was sentenced to six months for thefts at the Euston Hotel.

Speaking in a low, refined voice, Cummings made a long statement to the Judge to the effect that he had attempted to earn an honest living by literary work.

The chairman of the sessions sentenced him to eighteen months' hard labour, to run concurrently with the sentence he is at present undergoing for one of his previous crimes.

MODERN JACK SHEPPARD.

Daring Gaol-Breaker Again in the
Clutches of the Law.

A dangerous criminal named Harry Hellett, aged twenty-eight, who was sentenced at the Clerkenwell Sessions yesterday to four years' penal servitude for burglary, was proved to be a man who rendered himself notorious four years ago by his escape from Brixton Gaol, in company with another convict, named Soar.

Hellett at that time passed under the name of King. The two fugitives defied all attempts at recapture for three months, and much excitement was caused throughout the country by their escapades.

Police officers scoured the countryside, and followed countless clues, to no avail.

For some time the fugitives gave proof that they were in the vicinity by numerous housebreaking exploits. It was in London that they were ultimately retaken, King being arrested in a street off Tottenham Court-road.

The burglary for which Hellett, or King, has now been brought back was committed at St. Mark's-villas, Dalston. He and a woman named Mary Ann Thorne were detected as they left the house. Thorne has received a sentence of eighteen months' hard labour.

AMUSING DAY OUT.

Trip in the Country with a Bevy of
Girls.

Was the collision by which George Wheeler Clark, a cornet-player at a banquet at Westerham, last August, was injured caused by the coachman of the van being drunk was a question heard at Clerkenwell Sessions, yesterday.

Counsel asked the cornet-player as to the nature of the accident.

"A lady's day out," he replied. "What they give laundresses for keeping their place a year."

"And you were all sober?—I was. I was the waiter."

You were not like Mrs. Gamp—you took tea, but not a "little drop" in it when "so disposed?"

Well, I couldn't get it. Opportunity's a fine thing."

He added that he had treated Evans to a drink because the party didn't ask them if they had a mouth.

"Ah," interposed counsel, amidst great roars of laughter, "and you could not exist on kisses?"

The jury stopped the case, and Evans was acquitted.

FASCINATION OF BABIES.

Explaining the circumstances of an alleged assault by her husband, Mrs. Maria Chubb told the South-west magistrate yesterday that she had been to see a neighbour's newly-born baby.

The magistrate: What business was it of yours? The woman replied that she merely thought she would like to see it, and asked that some ale was given her to "wet the baby's head."

The case was adjourned.

MYSTERIOUS MESSAGE.

Husband's Letter Arouses Sus-
picion in His Wife.

"This seems to be a case where drink has led to family disaster," said Mr. Justice Barnes, in granting a decree nisi to Mrs. Mary Beatrice Fellowes Gordon, wife of Mr. Arthur William Fellowes Gordon, who is a stockbroker.

After Mrs. Fellowes Gordon was married, in 1887, she lived with her husband at Hogarth-place and Eaton-square. Her husband, she said, was very unkind to her, and once kicked her. His words were as unkind as his deeds, for he told her, after they had been married for some time, that it was unreasonable for a woman who had been married so long to expect her husband to be faithful to her.

But it was not until her husband sent a mysterious message about some clothes that Mrs. Fellowes Gordon suspected that he had been actually unfaithful. He was out all one night, and in the morning there came a note to the parlourmaid, Kate, asking that clothes should be sent to a certain "Turkish bath."

"Do you remember the faces of all the people you drive?" asked the Judge of a cabman, who said that he had driven Mr. Fellowes Gordon and a lady in his cab.

The cabman: Yes, nearly all.

Mr. Justice Barnes (dryly): Then you must be a marvellous cabman.

In granting a decree nisi the Judge remarked that he was not influenced by the cabman's evidence.

DANGEROUS REMEDIES.

Headache Powders Denounced as
Poisonous by Medical Expert.

A headache powder obtained from a reliable chemist, as shown at an inquest reported in the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, contained, by an accident, sufficient mercurial oxide to cause the death of a young girl.

Anything that will relieve the tortures of headache is hailed as a blessing by thousands of sufferers, and many ask whether, apart from accident, there is danger in the remedies usually employed.

"For the good of the *Daily Mirror* readers," said an eminent authority yesterday, "I hasten to say that phenacetin and anti-febrine, the drugs most frequently used in making headache powders, are harmless."

"The former is lowering and almost a poison to systems it does not suit; the latter is actually poisonous."

"It is most unwise to take any drug for any ailment except by prescription from a qualified medical man."

PREJUDICE AGAINST MOTOR-CARS.

Judge's Lively Recollection of a Power-
ful Motor Horn.

Mr. Justice Darling has a lively recollection of a certain powerful motor horn. Some time ago he had before him, in the King's Bench Division, the case of Field v. Batstone, in which the plaintiff sought damages on account of an accident caused, it was alleged, by the defendant's motor-car.

The jury failed to agree, and the action was set down for another trial. It has again been heard by Mr. Justice Darling, after the question as to whether the same Judge could preside at the second hearing had been settled in the affirmative by the Lord Chief Justice. Yesterday Mr. Justice Darling inquired about the motor horn.

The defendant's counsel said that unfortunately the horn could not now be found.

In summing up his lordship made a reference to the prejudice against motor-cars which existed in some quarters. People who rode and drove horses certainly did not use the noise motor-cars made, and the smell and dust they caused were also objectionable.

The jury had better look at the matter as if this litigation was caused by people who were driving a couple of traps.

The jury found that the accident was unavoidable, and judgment was entered for Mr. Batstone, with costs.

THE HOOLEY-LAWSON TRIAL.

According to present arrangements the trial of Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley and Mr. H. J. Lawson, who are defended on charges of alleged conspiracy to defraud, will come on for hearing at the sessions at the Central Criminal Court, which open on Monday next.

The Solicitor-General (Sir E. Carson) will be the leading counsel for the prosecution, while Mr. Rufus Isaacs, K.C., M.P., and Mr. Horace Avory, K.C., will appear for Mr. Hooley. It is understood that Mr. Lawson will defend himself.

The Hon. Hubert Ernest Valentine Duncombe, major of the 2nd York Volunteer Rifles, who commanded an Imperial Yeomanry battalion in South Africa, in the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday ascribed his failure to extravagance, his unsecured debts being £4,493 and his assets nil.

MOTORS FOR THE POLL.

Horsham Needs a Hundred Cars
for Closing Day.

HECKLERS AND ORATORS.

Horsham polls to-day, and much depends on good weather and motor-cars, telegraphs our correspondent. Only with fine weather and abundance of cars can the Liberals poll anything like the strength they claim.

Mr. Erskine, their candidate, declares himself confident of the result, but the best judges of local feeling agree that any candidate may win. Every gate-post, every barn, and almost every window on the long roads from village to village has its placard. Even the trees, yellow above with the autumn leaves, have broken out in red and blue below.

So far as one can estimate feeling by colours Lord Turnour, Conservative, should win. With the ladies in Horsham, Crawley, and Petworth he must be popular, for red is the ruling fashion for hats, and the red Tam o' Shanter is everywhere.

Nearly 9,000 votes should be cast to-day, and if those men are to be persuaded to go to the poll each party will require nearly fifty motor-cars.

Hecklers and Orators.

The hecklers have been waking up lately and giving the candidates a lively time. Lord Turnour likes questions, and sometimes puts himself up for challenge, like an auctioneer asking for bids, with the warning going, going, gone, on which he raps the table and declares the offer withdrawn.

Among the spell binders imported into the constituency for the oratorical campaign are some interesting characters. The oldest is Mr. W. H. Cadwick, the Chartist from Lancashire, who is over eighty years of age, and boasts that he is the last survivor of those who were sent to prison in chains for their part in the agitation. He knew Cobden, and fought for free trade along with him.

Another free trade speaker who lives in Cobden's part of the division, though a powerful orator in the language of the labouring classes, can neither read nor write. His son reads the newspapers to him, and he retains the facts and arguments in his memory.

Most striking of all is Mr. Stevens, from the Farnham division, who works for Lord Turnour. He lost both his arms in the dockyard service, and writes letters by holding a pen in his mouth.

While he speaks, and the eloquence sways him, he makes his gestures with his knees in the quaintest way.

CIVILISATION IN UGANDA.

Money and Clothes Revolutionising the
Heathens' Life.

The civilisation of the Uganda Protectorate goes on apace, as the commissioner's report for the year 1903-04 will prove.

Mr. Sadler relates that a sub-commissioner passing through one division of the protectorate after an absence of five years was much struck with the change.

Chiefs whom he remembered as overdressed in a goat-skin and a string of shells, were now arrayed from head to foot in spotless white. Some of them could even speak intelligible English.

A potent civilising factor is found in coined money, the value of which is readily grasped by the artless black man. The cowrie is disappearing before the rupee, although still useful in making small change.

The methods of a Butoga burglar are described in an interesting passage.

His method is to mine under the wall of a house and enter an apartment through the floor, generally so noiselessly as not to disturb the inmates; he invariably oils his body and carries a knife, and is, therefore, a dangerous character.

Uganda, concludes the commissioner, will never be a white man's country in the sense that South Africa is.

SOLICITORS AT CHEAP RATES.

In the course of a case at Lambeth County Court yesterday Judge Emden remarked to the defendant, a master cabinet-maker, who said he could not afford to be professionally represented: "Solicitors are cheap enough in county courts. You could get a very good one for a few shillings."

ECZEMA

AND SKIN DISEASES.

Middleton's Good Samaritan Ointment

safe and positive cure. Thousands of cases regarded as hopeless by doctors have been completely cured by the following taken from 2000 Testimonials: Mrs. E. MBE, 4, Grove Rd., Walton-on-Thames, writes:

"I received sample of Pills and Ointment, which I have given fair trial, also a sister of mine, who will be sending for some. It is wonderful what it has done for me. I have a sufferer for 10 years. enclose P.O. for save, for one month's supply. Hoping you may be able to supply this wonderful ointment to sufferers."

At BOOTHS, CASH CHEMISTS, all Branches. 14, 15, and 16, penny stamp for FREE SAMPLE to

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CLARK'S BLOOD MIXTURE

THE WORLD-FAMED BLOOD PURIFIER

is warranted to Cleanse the Blood from all impurities from whatever cause arising. In case of Eczema, Scrofula, Scurvy, Bad Legs, Blood Poison, Boils, Pimples, Rheumatism, Gout, and all Skin and Blood Diseases, its effects are marvellous. Thousands of testimonials of wonderful cures from all parts of the world.

Sold by Chemists everywhere, 2/6 per Bottle.

Beware of Imitations.

NEWS IN BRIEF FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY.

Prince Ranjitsinhji left Charing Cross yesterday for Marseilles, where he will embark for Bombay.

"Soccer's Honest Charing" is the Rev. W. Carille's topic on Sunday evening at St. Mary-at-Hill, Monument.

Lord Kinnaird presided last night at the festival dinner of the Association of Grocers' Assistants at the Holborn Restaurant.

Alderman Hirst, Mayor of Stepney, intends to present a chain and badge of office bearing the borough arms to each councillor.

To the memory of the late Mr. Hugh Price Hughes a window is to be unveiled in Wesley's Chapel, City-road, on the 18th inst. by Mrs. Hughes, his widow.

MANSION HOUSE CHAPLAIN.

The new Lord Mayor of London has appointed his own parish vicar at St. Augustine's Church, Highbury, to be his chaplain.

The Lord Mayor's two daughters are devoted philanthropic workers at St. Augustine's.

ASSISTING THE CROFTERS.

The Duke of Argyll yesterday opened the exhibition of Scottish Home Industries in the Birmingham Town Hall.

The Duke spoke of the importance to Scotch crofters of such exhibitions being arranged in other of the principal towns.

LADY LEARNS BUILDING.

The master builder may yet have to give way to the lady-builder.

For the first time a young lady has joined the practical building class at the Polytechnic, and announces her intention, after she has gained her certificates, of seriously entering the trade of a builder as a means of livelihood.

GIFT TO THE POOR.

The cost of the annual mayoral banquet at Dover is to be devoted to the relief of the poor by establishing soup-kitchens.

Sir William Crundall and the council have subscribed £300, and the mayor has also projected a scheme of municipal tramway extension to provide employment.

GIVING UP NIGHT BEGGING.

As an inducement to the King's Health, Manchester, magistrates to let him off, an incorrigible beggar, aged sixty-four, promised that in future he would only beg in the daytime.

As he had sixty-eight convictions against him and had used abusive language to a lady, he was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

LOCOMOTIVE ON A TOWER.

A model of one of their newest locomotives, 12ft. long, including tender, is the weather-vane which adorns the recently-erected offices of the G.N.R. at Work.

It is considered the most striking thing of its kind in the kingdom, and the trail of "smoke" which streams from the funnel of the model most aptly indicates the direction of the wind.

NEW FIRE STATIONS FOR LONDON.

Yesterday afternoon two new fire stations were added to the list of depôts of the London Fire Brigade—one at Kilburn and the other at Bayswater.

That at Kilburn is situated in Maida-vale, nearly opposite Kilburn Park-road, and the station at Bayswater is in Pickering-place, Westbourne-grove, W.

END OF MOCK MAYOR.

Worston, near Clitheroe, has for many years gone through the ceremony of electing a mock mayor, and conferring upon him the dignity of a knighthood.

This year, however, owing to the tragic death of the late mayor, the old custom has been abandoned. At the King's Coronation the congratulations of the borough, and the mock coronation were acknowledged by his Majesty, and the message was framed and hung up in the council chamber of the village inn.

POPULAR'S £25,000 POOR RATE.

It was reported yesterday that, although the labour bureaux have only been opened in the borough of Poplar a few days, over 1,000 men have registered their names as being out of work.

There are no fewer than 5,000 unemployed in the borough, and the guardians have distributed out-relief this week to the amount of £200, or at the rate of £25,000 per annum, every penny of which comes out of the local rates and is not a charge on the common poor fund.

OVERHEATED ELECTRIC CARS.

The L.C.C.'s electric cars are developing some discomforts. Passengers yesterday complained of the inconvenient heat which they experienced on the seats.

The explanation was that the insulating wires immediately underneath the seats had become overheated.

It is understood that the L.C.C. will endeavour to remedy the discomforts, but whether there is any actual danger in the overheated wires nobody seemed competent to say.

Count Lutow, Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Rome, left London yesterday for the Continent.

The funeral of Dr. Perowne, late Bishop of Worcester, took place yesterday at Hartlebury, Bishop Gore officiating.

Mr. G. H. Radford, L.C.C., is Liberal Parliamentary candidate for East Islington in place of Mr. A. J. Mundella, retired.

"When people want to know why you volunteer," said Mr. Kipling to the East Grinstead Volunteers, "tell them it is in order that you may not have to find out under fire what to do with your little gun."

JUDGE OBJECTS TO CREDIT.

County Court Judges have many of them recently confessed themselves appalled at the ridiculous extension of the modern credit and hire-purchase systems.

They have, furthermore, become seriously concerned with the way in which their courts are becoming a mere debt-collecting adjunct to certain large businesses.

Judge Owen, at Pontypool, has refused to make orders under judgment summonses.

He sternly told a creditor: "If you would take the trouble to find out men's earnings before giving them credit, it would pay you. I have preached to you repeatedly about this, but you take no notice. You take out judgment summonses against men earning 9s. a week, and ask me to send them to gaol. I won't do it."

RENAMING BRANDY.

Brandy must now consist of spirit solely distilled from the grape, a definition which hardly includes ordinary public-house brandy.

To evade this legal decision the Licensed Victuallers' Protection Association has issued notices to be hung in restaurants 'the percentage of grape spirit is not guaranteed in the brandy sold at this establishment.'

This has been held by the Gainsborough justices to be insufficient protection for the publican, if his brandy contains, as all cheap brandy does, silent spirit.

Such so-called brandy must be sold under another name, and it remains for the trade to invent an unmisleading description under which to sell spirit not wholly distilled from the grape.

WRONG NUMBER.

There being no charges at the Scarborough Police Court, the chief constable rang up the magistrate's clerk on the telephone, informing him there was no occasion for his attendance.

"Glory be to God; hallelujah!" came back the fervid response, and the astonished chief constable discovered the exchange had connected him with a local preacher, who was merely expressing his gratification of the absence of crime so kindly notified to him.

SATURDAY HALL DINNERS.

By dining in Hall at Lincoln's Inn to-morrow week the Prince of Wales will revolutionise its usually quiet surroundings.

No benches have dined in Hall on Saturdays for years, and the attendance at the Bar and students' tables has always been small. All this will be altered by a very full attendance to meet the Prince, who will afterwards proceed to Drury-lane to open the new home of the Inns of Court Mission.

STEP TOWARDS TEMPERANCE REFORM.

Presiding at the annual general meeting of Ansell's Brewery, at Birmingham yesterday, Mr. Edward Ansell alluded to the new Licensing Act as an important step in the direction of temperance reform.

He also welcomed its tendency to prevent capricious confiscation and quixotic expedients in dealing with the vested interests of the trade.

Admiral Sir John Fisher left Victoria yesterday morning for Portsmouth.

Four more ships are to be added to the cruiser squadron, which will become a vice-admiral's command.

Manchester yesterday received once again a normal water supply, which for the past seven weeks has been curtailed.

The King has granted a Charter of Incorporation to the Society for the Protection of Birds (3, Hanover-square, W.).

The Duke of Portland has promised a donation of £500 towards the scheme for the enlargement of Mansfield Hospital, which adjoins the Welbeck estate.

FEWER HOURS FOR WORKERS.

Greenwich Borough Council have agreed to reduce the hours of their workers from sixty-six hours and sixty-two and a half in summer and winter respectively to sixty-three and fifty-nine and a half. There is to be no reduction in the weekly wages.

TRAMWAYS RECEIPTS.

The traffic returns for the L.C.C. tramways for the week ended October 29 were issued yesterday, and show that the total receipts were £12,992, making the receipts from April 1 to October 29 £391,872.

BISHOP AT FOOTBALL.

To kick off at a local football match is a pinnacle of popularity hitherto reserved for Prime Ministers, newly-elected mayors, and pantomime favourites. To-morrow, however, the Church will be accorded this high honour, when the Bishop of Winchester will kick off at the local match at Farnham.

DIED IN HARNESS.

Mr. David Isaac, under-sheriff of Glamorgan-shire, who was taken suddenly ill while presiding over the jury to assess the damages in a slander case, died yesterday.

He was sixty-one years of age, and had practised in Swansea for thirty years.

OVERHEAD WIRES DANGER.

Overhead wires are obviously a source of considerable danger in a high wind.

As a carter, named John Tunnicliffe, was driving down a Disbury road leading to Chorlton he was entangled in some telephone wires, dragged under the wheels of his cart, and killed.

CHILDREN AND IMPROPER FOOD.

Commenting on the number of children dying annually from improper feeding, Mr. Schroder, the deputy Coroner at Islington, said yesterday that an institution was needed in this country where mothers could be taught how to bring up their children.

MAYOR'S DAY CROWD.

Mr. Alderman Pound, in taking his seat in the Mansion House Justice Room yesterday, referred to the orderly character of the crowds in the streets.

There were only seven or eight charges, all of them for picking pockets, or attempting to pick pockets, arising out of the progress of the Lord Mayor's procession through the City streets.

CLOSING SPEECHES.

There is a growing revolt among the city and town councils against the tedium and tyranny of long discourses by verbose members.

Despite opposition, the Liverpool City Council have finally decided to follow the example of Glasgow and impose a ten-minute time-limit on speeches.

Sir William Forwood, to whose efforts the innovation is due, has presented the Lord Mayor with a sand-glass to give the resolution effect.

KING'S CHROMOSOME.

Colour Method of Forecasting His Majesty's Life.

NEXT MONTH'S PROSPECTS.

"Next month the King will bring off a diplomatic coup which will tend to promote peace in the Far East."

The speaker was Mr. William Heald, who claims to foretell events by means of colour. He was forecasting to a select audience yesterday what will happen to the King and his people during the coming year.

"Every letter and number," he explained, "has a colour. If I know the full name and date of birth of anyone I can find his colours, and by means of formulae and a comparison with the colours of the year, month, etc., I can tell what is going to happen to him."

There is the King's "chromosome," Mr. Heald pointed to a figure with arms like a compass painted on cardboard in a bewildering variety of colours.

"I see many years of life and good health before his Majesty."

"In the month of March I seem to see a hill running down towards the gates of a racetrack. The King is on the brink of a motor-car. I think the King's. I see sudden flame, then all is dark. Presently the darkness clears, and I see his Majesty again on the course unharmed."

"In April and May everything will be satisfactory both for the King and his people."

"August, September, and October will be, I fear, months full of anxiety for us all. There will be trouble of some sort connected with the sea, and we shall be on the brink of war. Russia and Germany threaten to break clouds on the horizon."

"Next January there will be a big financial smash in London, which if allowed to take its course would lead to national loss. Some very big people are involved. But in February a number of big firms combine to put things straight."

THE CITY.

Effect of Lord Lansdowne's Speech—Stocks and Foreigners Improve—Good Tone in Kaffirs.

CAPTEL COURT, Thursday Evening.—Stock markets opened to-day in a very sanguine frame of mind. Lord Lansdowne's speech at the Mansion House overnight struck just the note that the Stock Exchange and the City wanted at practically 88½, which was a good rise since the previous evening. But there seemed to be a lot of people who thought they saw chances of speculation elsewhere, and so the market, in order to protect themselves, thinking that the leading stock on merits was not worth more. So the price slipped back, closing at 88½, which was above the worst. The Bank rate was not altered, but nobody at the last seemed to expect an alteration. Thanks to the large amount of gold which left the bank during the week, to-day's Bank Return showed £340,000 decrease in the Reserve. The ratio of Reserve to Liabilities was a little higher, and the Bank of England's position is certainly a very strong one, though the Return disappointed the Stock Exchange somewhat.

Home Rails were distinctly better market, though, owing to Settlement delays, business was somewhat slack. There were a few dull spots. For instance, there was a disposition to dispose of the "A," "Dover," and "Great Easterns," but these were the exceptions. The general tendency of the market was good. Scotch stocks and Metropolitan water were in favour, the latter closing below the best. In fact, the market is disposed to consider dividend prospects more optimistically. The close was strong.

Wall Street Pleased.

American Rails were naturally cheered up by the strong tendency to rise in direct overture to the result of the election. Most people apparently had looked for heavy profit-taking, and were pleasantly surprised by finding the market was not so disposed. They were advanced over the New York equivalent almost all round, Missouri, Ontario, Southern Pacific, and Steels being very prominent. After the Wall Street closing there was a little profit-taking, but the close was strong, and once again good advances are shown.

Canadian Pacific were good, but Grand Trunk were somewhat uncertain owing to the traffic return showing £30,000 worse than was expected. The traffic increase proved to be no more than £10,000. Yesterday's traffic returns seemed to make a decidedly good impression on Argentine Rails. There was a morning's gamble in the Argentine Rails, and speculators were anxious to assure everybody that investors were buying eagerly. The great feature of strength was Mexican Second Preference, which rose to 100, and Mexican Southern were firm at 70, and Intercontinental at 70. Debentures rose to 100, in spite of some talk of delay in publishing the accounts. The whole Mexican market was thus one of the strong features of to-day's business.

Talk of the scheme for the settlement with the Government seems still to be in the air, but it is not yet a foregone conclusion. Ordinary shares, which have been as low as 2½ this year, to-day touched 1½, but tumbled back to 1½. The way to the market was not so good as it was being firmer, and Russians kept satisfactory. The new Japanese loan is now called 1½ premium.

The speculation in American Rails is causing interest to be paid to Anglo-American Telegraph descriptions, as bringing business to the cable companies.

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THE SIMPLE LIFE.

THE statement that a number of "well-known people" are forming a "Guild of Simplicity" to counteract the follies of the "smart set" was only to be expected. When one section of the community is itself notorious in one way, the best way for another section to attract public notice is to go as far as possible in the opposite direction.

The kind of people ("more than one duchess, a countess, and several peeresses of lesser degree") who cannot live the simple life without forming a guild will no doubt send out to the papers descriptions of their elaborately "simple" dresses, will dine "simply" in public at the Savoy or Carlton, and generally adapt their "simplicity" to the sweet uses of advertisement.

Thank God, there are plenty of people left among us who can be simple and sensible and sane without getting on a tub and telling the world all about it. If there were not, Britain would be in a bad way indeed. Work and simplicity of life go together. If there were no simplicity, there would be no good work done. If everyone had to comply with the Divine ordinance, "He that will not work, neither shall he eat," there would be no "smart set."

Nowadays it is difficult, one must admit, to live quite without unnecessary (and often tiresome) luxuries, quite to adopt the "plain living and high thinking" recipe. But be sure, if you make the effort to do without superfluous things, which you merely have because it is the fashion or because it never occurred to you to do without them, you will find yourself in many ways happier and richer and less worried in your life.

The simple life is also the contented life. You will never be vexed because a neighbour wears finer dresses, or smokes more expensive cigars, or gives more elaborate parties. You will find out who your real friends are. They will be just as pleased to see you simply dressed and to enjoy your simple hospitality. All the others you are well rid of. Show and sham are a bad couple. They are nearly always found together. Simplicity will beat them in the long run every time.

RED LIGHTS MEAN "DANGER"

A verdict of "Death from headache powder" ought to strike terror into many hearts. The impulse of most of us nowadays, when we have a pain or feel generally run down, is to rush to the chemists for a tabloid or a powder or a pill. We have no notion what we are swallowing. Our only idea is to get "something" that will for the moment restore us to normal health.

What we forget is that few drugs have the same effect on all constitutions alike. One man's meat is another man's—and more particularly, another woman's—poison. None but the very simplest remedies should be taken without doctors' advice.

Do not make the mistake of rushing to the doctor for every trifling ailment. But whenever you do go, remember what he tells you. Then you will soon understand enough of your own constitution to be able to doctor yourself. An old proverb says that "every man of forty is either a physician or a fool," meaning that if a man of forty cannot doctor himself, he must be exceptionally stupid. Keep that proverb in mind, and avoid all chemists' nostrums which you know nothing about.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

He who far off beholds another dancing,
Even one who dances best, and all the time,
Hears not the music that he dances to,
Thinks him a madman, apprehending not
The law that rules his else eccentric action;
So he that's in himself insensible
Of love's sweet influence, misjudges him
Who moves according to love's melody.
—Calderon, Spanish dramatist.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

SIR DONALD MACKENZIE WALLACE, who is one of the King's birthday house-party, made his entry into existence just two days after his Majesty. But that fact was not a hint that he was to become a courtier, for his personal friendship with the King only dates back a few years. Sir Donald, who is a hard-headed, broad-minded Scot, after studying at three universities, went to St. Petersburg to study the Russian.

From there he moved to Cairo, as secretary to Lord Cromer, to Constantinople with Lord Dufferin, and later to India, also with Lord Dufferin. He returned to England to be foreign editor of the "Times," but found time to go as "political officer" with the present Tsar during his tour in India and Ceylon. So also, when the Prince of

Wales made his round of the Empire, it was Sir Donald who was required in the private secretarial department.

Lady Grosvenor, who has just left her charming gardens at Saughton Grange, Chester, and has gone over to Dublin, to join her husband, Mr. George Wyndham, the Chief Secretary, there, is a very keen gardener, and grows some of the finest roses in England. In London, where she lives in Park-lane, Lady Grosvenor is indefatigable in the cause of charity. She does not satisfy herself, as so many people do, with standing at "smart" bazaars and selling worthless objects at fabulous prices. She goes herself to the East End, and is not afraid of the ugly sights there if she can help the suffering. She believes in the charity which puts itself out and takes trouble.

Mr. Frederick Burr Oppen, who has specially drawn the *Daily Mirror* cartoon for to-day, is the most popular of the many American cartoonists, and his pen is principally employed in fighting the trusts, a task which he carries out with good-natured fun. There is never any malice in his drawings, and they are equally appreciated by both sides. Still quite a young man he arrived in New York "to make his fortune," and after a hard fight his work caught on. Now he is on the "New York American."

After seven years at one theatre, Mr. Hayden Coffin has decided to change. The news comes as rather a shock at first, but it is not so bad as it sounds. He is not giving up his present management, and is merely forsaking Daly's Theatre for the Apollo, where he is to play in "Veronique." One of the most remarkable things about this public favourite is the low importance he places on his position. He has very little to say about himself, and when he does tell stories of himself, they are never for his glorification.

One he tells is how, shortly after the production of a new piece, a friend wrote for a photograph. Wishing to send what he thought would be most acceptable, Mr. Coffin wrote and asked, "Which do you prefer—one in private dress or one in costume?" The answer came back, "Just one of your plain self." And that, too, in spite of Mr. Coffin's reputation for good looks.

It would be interesting to see what Mr. Harry Cust, M.P., would make of the "Standard" if he were appointed editor. But the rumour of his appointment, which was started yesterday, was obviously only a "shot." Mr. Cust, for a member of a noble family (he is heir to Lord Brownlow), has had an interesting career. His experience of editing began when Mr. Astor bought the "Pall Mall Gazette," which he made the most amusing daily paper there has ever been.

The titles of its leading articles were always great efforts. One day a hat was sent round, into which every member of the staff was asked to drop a suggested title. One man was lazy, and simply wrote, "Can't think of a title." "That's the one," said Mr. Cust, and the article appeared headed in that way. While he was editor, Mr. Cust lost his bulldog, Lobengula, commonly known as Lo Ben. Until he turned up again the whole office was in an uproar. The paper was filled with lamentations and promises of reward.

Mr. Cust, in spite of being a politician, is by way of being a poet. It was he who introduced the practice of publishing verses in the "P.M.G.," a practice which many papers have since followed. Sometimes he wrote them himself. One of his was the famous "Occ. Poem" ("occ." stands for occasional), beginning:

Oh, little face of Heaven!
Oh, little heart of hell!
I love's sins be seven,
I've learned to sin them well.

That sort of thing in the "Standard" would brighten it up a good deal.

Lord Ashton, who has just offered to carry out certain improvements in the town of Lancaster at a cost of between £75,000 and £100,000, must not be confused with Lord Ashton. Lord Ashton was rather talked about a few months ago, on account of his amusing dispute with Lord Clan-carty as to whether a melon was a fruit or a vegetable. Lord Ashton was raised to the peerage nine years ago, after making a large fortune as a carpet and linoleum manufacturer.

Mr. George Alexander, who has decided to take a holiday and leave London for some weeks, is not a person of adventurous life. His career from the very outset has been smooth and comfortable. Success came to him easily. The most exciting time he has had, so he says, was nearly being late for a performance.

Something had gone wrong with the train service while on tour, and Mr. Alexander rushed to his dressing-room, got into his make-up, and flew down to the stage. There he took up his position behind a wing for his cue. As the cue came he stepped forward—and so did his understudy from behind another wing. Just before they were seen by the audience the arm of the stage manager grabbed the understudy back under cover. It would have been a decided shock for the audience to have seen two heroes stalk to the centre of the stage.

Always most correctly dressed, Mr. Alexander has become quite a leader in masculine fashions. The crease down the front of his trousers is a thing to marvel at, and even the difficult question of the right collar does not trouble him in the least. And he has the same happy faculty in costume parts. One feels that his clothes must be just right. Even when he wore armour in the final act of "If I Were King" one could not help feeling that it was exactly the right armour for both the occasion and the time of day.

Mrs. Alexander is a leader of fashion, too, in the world of women. Not content with being so in her own private capacity, she selects the dresses for the feminine parts at the St. James's Theatre, and is constantly running over to Paris to either study old fashions or to discover new creations. She spends a small fortune on dressing her husband's leading ladies. Her own particular hobby is the collection of china pigs of the weirdest colouring.

"THE HERCULES BROTHERS. BULL AND JONATHAN."



A cartoon by the famous American caricaturist, Mr. Oppen, who drew it specially for the "Daily Mirror." He evidently does not agree with the American view of Britain which we quoted yesterday. He heartily welcomes the prospect of a treaty of arbitration between the two countries.

TRANSATLANTIC HUMOUR.

When It's Safe.

Mary: No, indeed, I don't never give my dolly no medicine. She's a Christian scientist.
Jane: Well, I s'pose it's all right to be a Christian scientist when you've nothing but sawdust in your stummick.—"Boston Herald."

Beggar: Could you spare me a little money, sir? I have no home.
Mr. Kareworn: No home? Then you can't vash any money? Go away.—"Judge."

"Yes," said the fireman, "there were two men in the building playing chess, and one of them is in the ruins yet. We couldn't get him out."

"Why, how was that?"
"He insisted that it wasn't his move."—"Philadelphia Press."

A WOMAN OF THE MOMENT.

Mme. Giachetti.

SHE was the charming Marguerite of last night's performance of "Faust," at Covent Garden, and she well maintained her right to the universal chorus of praise which the critics have bestowed upon her.

Both from a vocal and histrionic point of view she must certainly rank as one of the very finest operatic sopranos of the day.
Yet it was only four years ago that, after a training at Bologna Conservatoire, she made her debut at an obscure provincial Italian theatre. Later on she attracted the attention of Puccini, who declares that she is the finest living "Tosca."

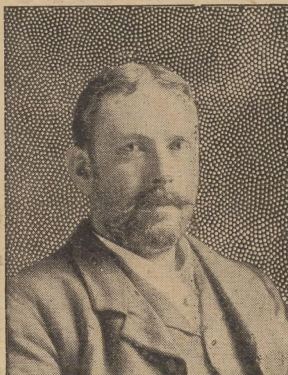
She has now played in almost every Continental opera house with enormous success.
This, her first visit to London, has delighted her immensely and she declares her intention of coming again. Pleased to hear it.

The King's Birthday Honours.

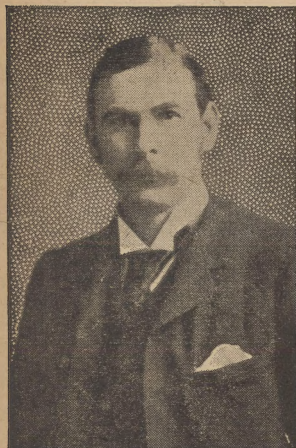
SOME OF THE RECIPIENTS.



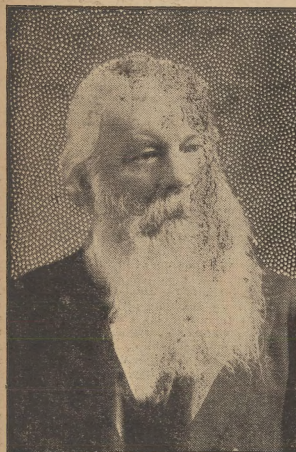
A new knight—Sir Theodore V. S. Angier, head of the well-known shipping firm which bears his name. He is also a director of many other shipping and assurance companies.



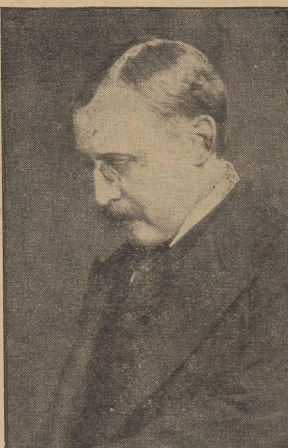
Sir J. Fortescue-Flannery, M.P., who has been created a baronet. He began life as an engineer apprentice, and is now one of the most famous engineers in the world.—(Elliott and Fry.)



William H. M. Christie, Esq., F.R.S., Astronomer Royal since 1881, who has been appointed a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.—(Elliott and Fry.)



A new knight—Sir J. Wilson Swan, F.R.S., inventor of the Swan electric lamp.—(Elliott and Fry.)



Sir Arthur H. Hardinge, K.C.M.G., his Majesty's Minister to Persia, who has also been appointed a K.C.B.—(Elliott and Fry.)



A new baronet—Sir Charles Cayzer, M.P., head of the Clan Line of steamships.—(Elliott and Fry.)

A RUSSIAN BURIAL SERVICE ON T



A Russian priest saying Mass on the battlefield, over the trenches in which some hundred

THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.



The Lord Mayor's golden state coach outside the Mansion House at the start of the procession.



The car representing Great Britain in the Lord Mayor's Show, with Britannia sitting on her lofty Gothic throne, surrounded by representatives of all parts of the Empire.

NEW IMP



The opening of the liner, Peveril, breaking bridge of the



The ruined home of graph the soldier's

BATTLEFIELD.



...soldiers had been interred.

DOCK AT LEITH.



...rial Dock at Leith. The Gibson ...
... Lord Rosebery was on the ...
... he passed through the gates.

LEFT BEHIND TO DIE.



...reservist in Manchuria, who had been sent to the front. In this photo-
... is seen about to pull the thatch off the cabin to feed the starving cattle.

The News of the Day Told in Pictures.

A JAP IN THE HANDS OF THE RUSSIANS.



A Japanese prisoner captured by two Russians within the lines of General Kuropatkin's camp.

DIVER'S NEW DRESS.



A naval diver in the new regulation suit, which is fitted with a telephone.—(Cribb.)

UP-TO-DATE WIMBLEDON.



The new 24-h.p. motor omnibus, which has just started running between Wimbledon Railway Station and Merton Park.

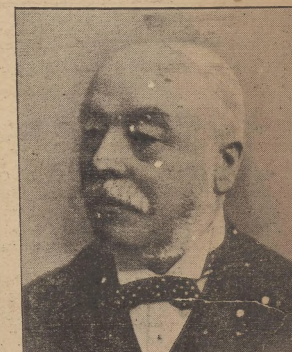


A delusion spread among the peasants of a Russian town in Northern Manchuria that the children of all Russian soldiers killed in the war would be adopted by the Tsaritsa. This picture shows some women taking their fatherless children to the railway station, but they had to return in despair.

LONDON'S MAYORS.



Alderman W. Howes (M.), Mayor of Finsbury.



Alderman W. Urquhart (M.), Mayor of Paddington.



Alderman Ernest Charles Price (L.), Mayor of Stoke Newington.



Rev. Henry Russell Wakefield (P.), Mayor of Marylebone.—(Russell and Sons.)

STORIES OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

From a Famous Journalist's
Note-Book.

FIFTY YEARS OF FLEET-STREET. Being the Life and Recollections of Sir John R. Robinson, for many years manager of the "Daily News." Compiled and Edited by Frederick May Thomas. Macmillan. Published today.

A book of good stories that everybody will be reading during the next few weeks. Not all of the stories are new, but they all bear telling. Sir John Robinson knew pretty well "everybody who was anybody" in the course of his long and busy career, and Mr. May Thomas has put together the notes he left behind him with great skill. There is not an uninteresting page in the book.

Some of the most interesting anecdotes relate to Queen Victoria and the Royal Family. Few people knew how painfully anxious her Majesty was about the safety of the members of her family. In the hard winter of 1894-5 when the Prince of Wales (now King Edward) and the Duke of York (now Prince of Wales) were skating on the lake in Buckingham Palace Gardens, a Court official had to telegraph every half-hour to the Queen to let her know that no accident had occurred.

Her wifely devotion to the Prince Consort comes out strongly in the story about Sir Edwin Landseer, the famous animal painter. He once capped a number of dog stories at the Queen's table by saying that he knew of a dog which was sent to find a hidden 45 note, and turned up with five sovereigns in his mouth! Everybody laughed except the Prince Consort. After Landseer had retired to his room he heard a knock at the door.

"SMART SET" 200 YEARS AGO.

Old Play Which Pictures Exactly the
Manners of To-day.

Congreve's "Way of the World," the Queen Anne comedy which is being performed this week at the Royalty Theatre, is astonishingly modern. If the costumes were not those of two centuries ago, it would sound like an attack upon the "smart set."

Here are the conditions upon which the fashionable Mistress Millamant agrees to marry Mr. Mirabell:

Millamant: Positively, Mirabell, I'll lie a-bed in a morning as long as I please. . . . And d'y hear, I won't be call'd names after I'm marry'd; positively, I won't be call'd names!

Mirabell: Names!
Millamant: Ay; as "wife," "spouse," "my dear," "joy," "jewel," "sweetheart," and the rest of that nauseous cant, in which men and their wives are so fulsomely familiar—I shall never bear that. Good Mirabell, don't let us be familiar or fond, nor kiss before folks. . . . Let us never visit together, nor go to a play together; but let us be very strange and wild; and let us be as strange as if we had been marry'd a great while; and as wild-bred as if we were not marry'd at all.

Mirabell: Have you any more conditions to offer? Hitherto your demands are pretty reasonable.

Millamant: Trifles—as, liberty to pay and receive visits to and from whom I please; to write and receive letters without interrogatories or wry faces on your part; to wear what I please; and choose conversation with regard only to my own taste; to have no obligation upon me to converse with visits that I don't like because they are your acquaintance; or to be intimate with fools because they may be your relations. To come to dinner when I please; dine in my dressing-room when I'm out of humour, without giving a reason. . . . And, lastly, wherever I am, you shall always knock at the door before you come in. These articles subscribed, if I continue to endure you a little longer, I may by degrees dwindle into a wife.

Evidently the "smart set" of Queen Anne's time very closely resembled their successors of to-day.

A GIPSY KING'S FUNERAL.

A new form of lying-in-state has been adopted by Alsatian gipsies. They placed their dead "king" on a funeral throne, dressed him in white silk, put rings on his fingers, and hung a gold chain on his neck.

His widow sat by him, her hair cut short for mourning, and his eighty subjects watched him. Every now and then one of them fell asleep. It was then the queen's duty to wake him up.

After the strange vigil was over the king was buried from a hearse drawn by six horses. The gipsies have still, even in these ugly days, a sense of the picturesque.

"Why didn't you want to go down to dinner with the famous Arctic explorer?"

"You see, at tea, I sat by the great African traveller, and I fear these climatic changes."—*"Fliegende Blätter,"*

An official had this message for him: "The Prince wishes you to know that the Queen does not believe your dog story."

It must be a curious experience for a Sovereign to be unrecognised by a subject. The Queen once met a man she knew at a garden-party, and greeted him with her usual courtesy. "I am quite well, thank you," he replied; "but you must pardon me, I know your face quite well, though for the life of me I can't remember your name."

It appears that her Majesty carried her strong sense of morality far back into the dim and distant past. One day the talk of the Ladies-in-Waiting turned upon heaven. "How delightful, madam," said one of them, "it will be to see the prophets and saints, Abraham, Moses, Elijah, and David." "No, no," said the Queen emphatically, "nobody will ever persuade me to know David."

Queen Victoria was very seldom put out at anything which occurred at a state ceremony. Once, however, when she received a deputation of Swazi chiefs from South Africa, a very amusing incident occurred. One of the chiefs spoke through an interpreter: "We come, Oh great mother, to bring

NO FRESH TALENT.

Portrait Exhibition Fails to Reveal any
Unknown Greatness.

Why are young portrait painters so unoriginal? Almost all that is really worth seeing in the New Gallery is painted by famous artists old or dead. The younger men (by which is meant the men who have not yet become famous) are disappointing. They are either frankly common-place, which is bad, or they are common-place and try to be original, which is worse.

All of them are overcome by recollections. Mr. C. H. Shannon, for instance, remembers Velasquez, Whistler, and Mr. Carrieré. He paints "two artists" in a dim, colourless room, where they must be overcome by boredom. Carrieré would have enveloped them in twilight, in a soft mist. Mr. Shannon makes them and the room look jaundiced.

Search the rooms still further for the promising "young" man. There is Mr. Robert Brough, and goes in for clever art. He paints loudly, and startles you into looking at "Otto Edinger, F.S.A." But you are not held by him.

Several people try hard to be original. Mr. Harold Speed sends a vivid portrait-sketch of Miss Alice Lenbach, the Watts's, the Burtons, and the Whistlers. Lenbach, a Munich artist not much known in England, has amongst one or two things, impressive portraits of Bismarck. But perhaps the most interesting picture of all is Watts's "Sir Leslie Stephen." This ought to be placed beside those other portraits of his in the National Gallery. It is a wonderful study—a thoughtful, uneasy face, reddish hair, with brooding eyes, and reddish beard. It is, on the whole, the finest thing in the collection.

"HERR SCHMIDT'S ADVICE."

A song with this title is very popular at Horsham election meetings on the Chamberlain side. Here is one verse of it:—

Acht! Colden vos a vondrous man,
And zo was his friend Bright.
And if you Britons follow dem,
Den you will be all right.
But Chamberlain's a wicked man,
And vot he says is awful.
He'd tax our things as ve tax yours,
And that would be der Teufel.

A POEM YOU OUGHT TO KNOW.

Confessions.

What is he buzzing in my ears?
"Now that I come to die,
Do I view the world as a vale of tears?"
Ah, reverend sir, not I!

What I viewed there once—what I view again
Where the physic bottles stand
On the table's edge—is a suburb lane,
With a wall to my bedside hand.

That lane sloped, much as the bottles do,
From a house you could describe
O'er the garden wall; is the curtain blue
Or green to a healthy eye?

To mine, it serves for the old June weather
Blue above lane and wall;
And that farthest bottle labelled "Ether"
Is the house o'ertopping all.

At a terrace, somewhere near the stopper,
There watched for me, one June,

to you my babe. Take him, Oh mother to thy knees, fold him to thy breast." The Queen grew a little alarmed. "But where is the child?" she said. "These are all big men." "Here, Oh mother," replied the chief, leading forward an enormous negro six feet high and weighing at least sixteen stone.

Here is an amusing little tale of a German cousin of the Queen's, who served as a midshipman in the Royal Navy. A visitor to his ship asked one day whether he ought to be addressed as highness, royal highness, or serene highness. "You can call him what you like," said the captain; "we call him 'sausage,' because he is German."

GOOD GERMAN EXAMPLE.

Which England Might Follow in Dealing
with the Unemployed.

Nothing strikes foreigners more when they come to London than the obviousness of our unemployed. We seem to be proud of them. They can be seen at every street corner.

In Germany things are different. As soon as a man becomes obviously destitute, he is asked to produce papers. He has to show how long he has been destitute; how often he has slept in homes provided for the unemployed; what efforts, if any, he may have made to get work.

If his record be satisfactory, several things (says a Board of Trade report just published) are done to help him. First, the genuine unemployed in search of work can put up at "travellers' homes." They can pay for food and shelter if they have no money by doing some work.

Next, there is a system of labour colonies. These are something like our own casual wards. Life in them is not easy, but it is endurable. There is coarse but wholesome food—coffee, brown bread, soup, and vegetables. Hours of work are long, but not too long. The average colonist is paid about 3d. a day. Here is a refuge open to all unemployed persons who will prove their readiness to work. Anyone who refuses this chance is dealt with as a worthless vagabond.

Thus the German Government does endeavour to help the real workman who is out of work. No body could be harder than Germans are on frauds. But, by giving genuine cases the chance of temporary work and the means of discovering where work exists, they manage things a good deal better than we do.

ALL MR. GLADSTONE'S FAULT!

Genial Irish Recollections by a Hater of
Land Purchase and Home Rule.

THE REMINISCENCES OF AN IRISH LAND AGENT, being those of S. M. Hussey, compiled by Home Gordon. Duckworth. 12s. 6d.

Mr. Hussey is clearly a man of violent political opinions, like most Irishmen; and also with a relish for a row.

Mr. Hussey hates Mr. Gladstone. Everything horrid that ever happened in Ireland Mr. Gladstone did! Ireland was at peace until Gladstone, with "his infernal devices," turned everything upside down. When Mr. Hussey became a little unpopular, and was addressed publicly as "a valvure with a broken beak," and a "fend," he attributed the choice of vocabulary to Mr. Gladstone's influence.

It was in Mr. Gladstone's time that a priest, in a temperance address, spoke thus to his people:—

It's whiskey makes ye hate yer wives; it's whiskey makes yer homes desolate; it's whiskey makes ye shoot yer landlords; and (with emphasis) it's whiskey makes ye miss them.

The wife of an Irish landlord lost her purse one day in the Ladies' Gallery of the House of Commons. Mrs. Gladstone happened to be there. "I hope there was nothing in it," she said. "No," said the loser, "it was a nice little purse; but, thanks to your husband, there was nothing in it."

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

ENOUGH OF BLOODSHED.

I fail to see how "Anti-Jap and Anti-Russian" can compare the defence of Ladysmith, Kimberley, and Mafeking with that of Port Arthur.

These places had all a reasonable hope of relief. With General Stoeness that hope is long past. He knows, brave man that he is, there is not the remotest hope of relief.

I must agree, therefore, with the *Daily Mirror*, which speaks with sound sense when it says, in the cause of humanity, "Have done with vain glory." M. BAKER.

THE LATE DAN LENO.

I should like your correspondent who reviles the memory of Dan Leno to read these verses by Mrs. de Courcy Lauffan. I believe they have been set to music:—

An angel stood at the gate of Heaven,
His hand on the golden bar;
A trembling soul came up the stair,
A pilgrim from earth afar.
"What is thy reason, oh pilgrim soul?"
"The angel whispered low,
"What deeds of mercy, what gifts of joy,
What souls of mortal woe?"
"A mermaid was I on earth."
The pilgrim soul replied:
"I wooed the smile to pallid lips,
I cheered the heart that sighs."
"Pass, merry soul," the angel said;
"Thy God is glad in thee,
For thou has brought the light of joy
Where the darkness places be."

I am sure thousands will echo this sentiment rather than the other.

ONE WHO LOVES LAUGHTER.

Sloane-court, S.W.

I suppose the reason Mr. Waldheim objects to a statue of the great comedian, Dan Leno, is because he was an Englishman.

He would no doubt rather subscribe for a statue of Admiral Rojestvensky, or some other good foreigner. AN ENGLISHMAN.

"THE HUNGRY FORTIES."

You are quite right about this book. To assert that free trade has brought about the improvements of the present day as compared with the "forties" is enough to make George Stephenson turn in his grave.

Railways, steamships, and productive machinery have revolutionised our trade and cheapened everything. We are under no obligations to politicians for the changes that have been brought about for our comfort.

A labour M.P. told working men at the Thanet election that if we adopted Mr. Chamberlain's proposals we would revert to the conditions of the "forties." Why, to bring this about we should have to destroy all our machinery and put back the march of science.

How long are working men to be deceived by such "twaddle"? NO BELIEVER IN POLITICIANS.

A SORDID TRAGEDY.

Author of "Pigs-in-a-Clover" Produces
Another Unsavoury Novel.

BACCARAT. By Frank Danby. Heinemann. 6s.

This is the story of what happened to a French woman, who was left alone in a French seaside place, and played baccarat without her husband's knowledge.

Julie Courtney is sent by her English husband to spend the summer at Calourg. John Courtney is kept behind by business, but he promises to join his wife in a week or two.

During that time, while John is attending to his business in England, Julie manages to accomplish a good deal. She loses all the money her husband has given her at baccarat, she meets a lot of shady French people, and to one of them, a M. Diderot, she sacrifices not only £80, but also her honour.

When John arrives in Calourg he finds out about the £80, and pays it back—after nearly strangling M. Diderot. But he does not discover the worse part of his wife's weakness until a child—M. Diderot's child—is born. Then he realises Julie's fault. He is in despair. He feels that Julie loves him still, but her dishonour seems to ruin life for him.

Then one night something sensational happens. John's house catches fire. Everybody is hustled out, except the child of M. Diderot. When Julie discovers that her baby remains in the flames she goes nearly frantic with grief. So John rushes into the house, to rescue the baby. He brings it out, but too late. The baby is dead.

It is an unsavoury story, cleverly, or, rather, "smartly" written. Julie's wayward temperament is well analysed. But M. Diderot and his baby cannot be taken seriously; and the stiff and respectable John is a mere puppet.

The author, for some reason best known to herself, has chosen to write most of the dialogue in French.

THE PRISONER'S RAT.

The other day we quoted the story of the prisoner who tamed a mouse in a cell from Lord Brayton's "Recollections." Here is an equally touching little tale from real life. A man charged with being drunk at Derry was found to have a tame rat about him. It was his only friend, he said. He minded parting with it for the time of his sentence far more than he minded going to prison.

—Robert Browning.

Our New Serial.

You Can Begin this Story To-day.

THE JUDGE'S SECRET.

By Andrew Loring, "Mr. Smith of England."

FOR NEW READERS.

This story deals with the scheming of a number of people directly and indirectly connected with Sir Alphonse Gascoyne, a young Judge of the High Court. The reader soon learns that the friendship of the Judge's beautiful young wife with a certain Dick Deyverill is open to suspicion; but at the present point is centred upon Gertrude Gascoyne, the Judge's sister, who has rejected a certain Brasser, a great financier. Gertrude's heart is given to an undesirable one Hugh Mordaunt—and a friend is anxious to marry her to Mr. Brasser. Brasser's great wealth is in danger from the scheming of an aristocratic rascal named Somerton, who has Brasser's defaulting secretary, Beatrice Skerrett, in his power. They are seeking to lure Brasser to South America in quest of a quarry of onyx marble of immense value, intending, in his absence, to distribute his wealth by means of a flaw in the law (not yet revealed).

Other characters are Lady Chetnoles, styled by her friends "The Millionaire," on account of her height; and Mr. Tourtellotte, a botanist, who has discovered the onyx marble. Jane Brown is Lady Chetnoles's discharged maid, a victim of Brasser many years ago, whose son went into the financier's office ignorant of the fact that Brasser was his father, and is said to have died as a result of overwork and disappointment caused by Brasser's ingratitude. Miss Elton, the daughter of a dead money-lender, who holds the secrets of many people, and is trying to be of service to Gertrude Gascoyne.

CHAPTER XIII.

The Money-Lender's Ledgers.

"Good afternoon, Mr. Somerton," said Miriam Elton, in a voice from which she tried in vain to banish all signs of agitation.

"Mr. Somerton—Miriam?" he cried out confidently; and he looked at the plump, girlish figure as though he were its absolute possessor. She did not seem changed in the slightest degree since he had last seen her two years before. He thought her still the irresponsible child who had been awayed by his slightest look.

"Please sit down," she said, "forgive the confusion here. We had begun to move, when my father was taken ill."

"I was shocked, surprised," he said, as he drew a chair close to her and sat down. "I had seen him only the week before. He seemed in perfect health. As soon as I saw the notice in the paper I went to you. I thought perhaps I might be of some use; if not—that my sympathy would be acceptable. You know how deep—how sincere it is."

She looked at him wondering. Could it be that he was acting? Could that perfect manner, that gentle, caressing intonation of the voice, be assumed? She almost doubted for an instant; then she remembered all that she had learned of this man in the last two years.

There was silence for an instant. She was nervous, apprehensive; but she was too wise to pick up the threads she decided at last that the way to arrive at the present was to speak of the past.

"These two years," he said, "have seemed very long to me, Miriam, but I accepted your father's commands, your wishes, without a murmur."

A slight colour suffused her brunette cheek. She remembered that it was she who had offered to fly with him when her father had discovered that Harold Somerton had won her heart in secret meetings. She looked back to the stormy scene which she had had with her father, at her heart-broken abandonment to grief—a grief soon assuaged by his ingenious methods.

"I had not realised," she said, "that he had said to me in Armenian, 'that my little girl had come to womanhood.' I do not blame you very much for meeting Mr. Somerton secretly. He is charming, attractive. He is the first young man, the only one, whom you have met. I was not aware that he knew even of your existence until I found that you loved one another. I do not blame him too much for having stolen your heart without my knowledge. I only blame myself that your seclusion was not better guarded, that I did not realise that he had grown up. You are only nineteen. I only ask you to be patient. Promise not to see him, or write to him, until you are twenty-one. Then I will gladly give my consent to your marriage with one whom I believe to be nearly what you fancy."

The girl had passionately refused to make any promise.

"Very well," her father had said calmly, "send for Mr. Somerton, and arrange what you wish to do. You have my full permission to see him here alone. You will find, my dear, that I have no wish to cross you."

Full of gratitude to her generous father, the girl had arranged to receive her lover, and had been

thunderstruck to find that he was all in favour of this patient waiting which loomed so long in front of the ardent, semi-Oriental maiden. He had put it all on the highest possible grounds. He had spoken of obligation to her father, had proclaimed his desire at delay, but had announced that it would be mitigated by a sense of duty nobly carried out. Thus they had parted.

The crafty father had praised the absent lover for at least three months, in the course of which he had taken his daughter for a tour of the Continent, and had otherwise endeavored, in every affectionate way, to distract her thoughts.

His sympathy had been so perfect that he had won his daughter's entire confidence. At that period began the singular arrangement which resulted in her complete familiarity with all the details of his business. She had flung herself into work, with no thought except to distract herself.

One morning her father had remarked, quite intently and without emphasis, that, prior to his daughter's last interview with her lover, he had had a long talk with Mr. Somerton, and had assured Mr. Somerton finally that marriage without his consent meant marriage with a penniless girl.

"He understood quite clearly," the father had said, "that if he did not accede to my views, he could not expect any provision for you. I should have gone to Armenia. The young gentleman's obedience was lamblike after that."

That was that first planting of the seed. Miriam had, of course, loyally combated the suggestion of interested motives in the perfect being who had won her heart. Her father had not argued with her. He had been content with the patience of the Eastern, to wait for the seed to grow. Ere a year had passed, he had by degrees put the whole nefarious record of Harold Somerton before his daughter; and her love was killed.

On the day that she was twenty, old Elitnian, to give him his true name, had made a remarkable disclosure, which had fired his daughter's imagination, had appealed to her love of her country—for so she called Armenia—and had awakened a burning religious enthusiasm.

"You have become to me," he had said, employing that Oriental metaphor which sounds so exaggerated to the Western ear, "as was the land to the thirsty desert, as the clump of date palms to the wanderer amid the arid sands. You have shown me a noble ability. Your beauty is as the ruby of Badakhshan. You have been sad sometimes, because you do not like your father's business. You wonder why he should be a sordid money-lender. You think that he is a man of iron, who has no compassion nor pity. The tears have come into your eyes when you have read the letter from some man who owes him money. You have stretched out pleading hands to him, and begged him to show mercy."

"And you have always answered," the girl had interrupted, "that every man who borrows money from you is the slave of his own extravagances, his vices, or weaknesses. You have taken down a ledger which contains the record of this man. You have always convinced me that he deserves no mercy. But you are rich, you do not need money. We are simple in our tastes. Why should you not retire in your old age and let us enjoy life together? Yes, father, this business makes me very unhappy."

"You shall have my full confidence, Miriam," the Armenian had responded. What I am about to give you is a sacred confidence. It will rest a secret between you and me, and two men in our own country."

When the girl had solemnly made the required promise, her father had proceeded to tell her as follows:

"These English," he had said, "pretend a great sympathy for Christians who are ground under the heel of the Turk, but they do nothing. My fellow country-people are imprisoned, their houses burned, their crops pillaged—there is a diplomatic protest. My grandfather and six of his friends, all men, were whipped to death at the command of a Turkish officer—there was a diplomatic protest. A raid was made on our little village; the harvest had been bad; we could not pay the fine; my father was murdered, cut down with others by a Turkish soldier—there was a diplomatic protest. My mother, my sisters—ah, but I cannot tell you that—another diplomatic protest. As a boy of seven, I wrangled away in the darkness between the horses' hoofs of the Turks who made this raid, and I was smuggled out of the country. God has prospered me. Now, my dear Miriam, I send back from England something more than diplomatic protests. Do you understand?"

The weeping girl, overcome by this story of horrors, had silently nodded.

"Let grief fall from your heart," her father had continued, "as falls the pack from the saddle of the camel. Know, then, that I expect a tribute from these rich, these prosperous English. Fifteen thousand pounds went last year through secret channels to our people. Most of it is used to help our young men to escape abroad. Most of them go to New York where a thriving colony exists. It was founded by me. Now, do you wish me to give up that task, unpleasant as it may be, but which does so great a work for our downtrodden people?"

The practical result of this enthusiasm of the father was that the daughter, at twenty-one years of age, mistress of a large capital, uncontrolled

by any influence save that of a passionate and perverted sense of duty, became in her own name a money-lender in London. She looked upon the English as legitimate prey, and was prepared to be more exacting, more relentless, than the mere sordid money lover, who traded upon the necessities of his fellow-man at 60 per cent. interest for the filling of his own coffers.

"I shall not dismiss this Harold Somerton," her father had said; "he is very useful to me. Let him go on. When the time comes that you are mistress of your own fortune, he will come to you. I trust you absolutely there. I trust you in everything. I shall leave you uncontrolled in every way."

It may be gathered from all this that Mr. Harold Somerton, who sat so confidently confronting this girl in black, was not likely to have so easy a conquest as he believed.

"Our engagement—?" he began.

"Engagement?" he asked. "I have always so regarded it. I have thought of you by day and by night. I love you to-day as I loved you on that morning two years ago, when I said that we must obey the wishes of your father. Are you not glad now, Miriam? Do you not feel happier that we did not go contrary to his commands?"

"I am glad," she answered, with a striking emphasis.

She knew that he was lying flatly when he said that her father had mentioned her name. But when he asked her if her father had often spoken of him she was able to answer quite truthfully that he had often been discussed.

"Do you know," she continued, "that in my father's business it was necessary for him to find out everything that he could about all those who were connected with him in any way. Do you see these volumes?" She pointed to four great ledgers bound in vellum.

Miriam took down one of the fat volumes and consulted an index. She laid the book before him. He looked upon a page crowded with mysterious characters.

"These books," she said slowly, "are a history of the aristocracy and the gentry of to-day—of such of them, at any rate, and these are many, who have been clients of my father. As you see, they are written in Armenian. Do you remember some year or so ago, in the settlement of commissions between my father and yourself, how I brought you were overdrawn some trifling amount—some two hundred pounds, I think?"

"He could only stare."

"It was a rule of my father's," she went on calmly, "to include the name of every debtor in these volumes."

Somerton's face took on an ugly look.

"See," she said, pointing with her small spatulated finger to a name in Armenian. "This is what my father thought of you. Here is a typewritten translation."

She handed him a sheet of paper, and sat down at the table and looked across at him as he read. He shook with anger as he perused a pithy, comprehensive indictment of himself and of his character. The girl felt sorry for him, but she did not flinch. She had promised her father that she would do this if Somerton came to the open-eyed woman to claim the vows of blind girlhood.

"He hated me," he cried, "he wished to keep us apart. He has done this with a purpose. He put it in there that you might read it. You do not believe it, Miriam?"

He was kneeling by her side now. He poured out a passionate defence of himself, mingled with protestations of undying affection for her. He referred to the statement on the page that he had been in prison for crime. He explained that he had been the victim of an unprovoked and persecution—in short, he acted his part to perfection. It seemed to him that she was yielding.

"It may have been," she said in a low voice, "that he may have dealt harshly by you. You do really and truly love me. My money does not influence you?"

He answered by eager protestations of the purity, the sanctity of his affections.

"I am indeed glad to hear you say it. I want you to read this."

He saw that she had handed him a will—an original. He rose from his kneeling posture, grasped the document, and read it hastily through. "Good God," he cried when he had finished, as he flung the parchment on the table, "how unjust to you—how bitterly cruel. Only a hundred a year to you in trust, and all the rest to the Armenian Church."

He sank down aghast. Then began the process which her father had foretold; the process of retreat.

"Do not let us waste words," said Miriam without even a curl of contempt on her lips—she had been too well prepared for his action to resent it now; "you see, it is impossible."

"I'm glad you're so sensible," he said rising. "I could not think of asking you to share my poverty. It would not be fair. I love you too much."

She raised a protesting hand, and touched an electric call which hung by a wire from the ceiling. A tall Armenian responded instantly.

"Good day, Mr. Somerton," she said in a low voice, "I shall write to you about some business matters outstanding between us. Our relations henceforth will be entirely on a business footing. Two days later Somerton saw a paragraph in the papers which made him gasp. He hurried to Somerset House, paid a shilling, and read over the will of the departed money-lender.

This will, eighteen months later in date than the cancelled one which had been shown to him, left every penny to Miriam, without conditions.

The man went out of Somerset House in a daze.

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Inauguration of the Guild.

Not long since some kind spirit evolved the idea of bringing educated men and women who were leading thus lonely and isolated lives into touch with others, and the Guild of Social Intercourse was formed.

Invitations are given by those on the committee in a position to offer simple hospitality. At musical evenings, tennis parties, summer excursions, parties for games and conversation, the members meet and are afforded the opportunity, at any rate, of making friends with their kind.

Discretion is Observed.

Of course, there are difficulties attending such a scheme. As a witty woman who played an active part in initiating it said: "There may be a lonely gentlewoman and a lonely sweep, but if you ask them to meet they neither of them like it."

To the discretion of the local secretary of each branch of the union the avoidance of such a dilemma is entrusted.

The local secretaries are, in fact, given a very free hand, with the result that each branch seems to have started a special feature of its own.

One goes in for Saturday rambles in the country, or, during tempestuous weather, under the shelter of museum and picture-gallery roofs. Another has started an excellent debating society, which does not hesitate to tackle such subjects as "What is Success?" and "Altruism versus Egoism." Yet another branch is fortunate in possessing a member who hands over her drawing-room for one evening in every week to be used as a social club.

Amusements Meted Out.

The chairman of the general committee, Mr. Henry J. Wilson, M.P., gives immense pleasure by personally conducting parties of members from all the various branches in turn over the "House."

All nationalities are made welcome, and needless to say in this cosmopolitan city they find their way to the surface in a society of this kind.

Before the acceptance of a candidate references are required, or evidence to satisfy the local committee of good faith, integrity, and character.

So successful have the various metropolitan ventures been that new branches are being started in other parts of the country. One has been opened at Enfield, and others for Birmingham and Brighton are promising future ventures.

Perhaps in no other country in the world would such a scheme be necessary, but in England, where people are naturally somewhat unsociable, it seems to have proved so far a happy method of breaking the national reserve. They talk rarely at first, but, under the influence of the cordial intention of the whole project, speedily thaw.

Then follow mutual arrangements for expeditions

to the theatre, and the youth who has left his people in the country and come up to London alone no longer has to sit solitary in an upper box feeling all the more isolated for being surrounded by many parties, for he, too, has a companion in whom to confide his enthusiasm and his criticism.

In case any lonely person should read this article, and feel a desire to join the guild, he or she can

penes of this excellent guild, there is an admirable opportunity afforded for anyone desirous of contributing to the happiness of their kind.

A new development of the scheme has taken the form of a correspondence branch, by means of which lonely people at a distance can be brought into postal communication and form friendships through the exchange of letters.



The children's party season is arriving. Salient features of the newest frocks for small girls are the long waist and the short skirt, as shown here. Favourite materials this winter will be soft silk and cream point d'esprit mounted upon a white or coloured silk slip.

write for information to the secretary, Miss A. G. Matthews, 2, Southwood-lane, Highgate, N. The only attendant expense for members, by-the-by, is the very slender annual correspondence fee of 1s. As this fee does not cover any of the working ex-

amount of bric-a-brac apparent, since there is no place left on which to display the masses of it that were used before the present style of less furniture came into existence. We have not yet got to the stage in which only one precious piece is taken out at a time, but we are nearer that Japanese custom than ever we have been before.

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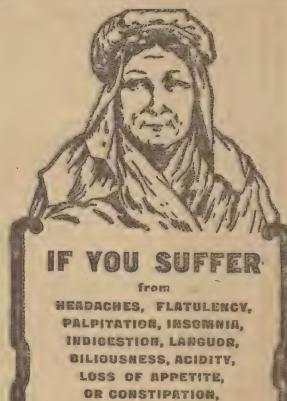
Hard work is hard work; but it makes easy times easy.

It is not the lantern, but the candle inside it that furnishes the light.

A FAIRY PALACE.

Surely we live in wonderfully fascinating times; such splendid opportunities are afforded us of making ourselves look well dressed as a result of the most economical outlay. I have no space in which to dilate at length upon the grand chances Messrs. Swan and Edgar, of Piccadilly-circus, are now offering us, but I most heartily recommend a careful survey to be made of a certain advertisement that appears on page 16 of this issue. I can promise the very best results for those who study it carefully.

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The decrease in the amount of furniture used nowadays is in a measure due to the artistic methods of decorators. Formerly there was a stretch of vacant wall, interrupted only by the cornices and the doors. This had to be covered with wall-paper, and then the object of the owner was to fill up that wall as much as possible with pictures, or else get the room so full of furniture that the sense of bareness was removed.

Simplicity.

Nowadays a drawing-room will be decorated, say, in the Louis Seize fashion. The walls will be panelled with mouldings and covered with tapestry, brocade, or paper. The ceilings will be treated in the same way. The effect of this decoration is to furnish a room very much more than the plain old wall-paper ever did. There is, of course, no need for the quantity of furniture that used to be wanted, and a few fine pictures can be hung on the walls.

The diminution in the number of tables and cabinets has, of course, tended to decrease the

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